

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated May 23, 2008, is respectfully requested in view of this amendment. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended.

The amendment to claim 1 cancel material describing the diluent. The further presence of the diluent was deemed to be a distinct invention designated as Group II and separated from claims 1-6 of Group I.

In addition, claim 1 now recites that the adhesive permits attachment of the semiconductor die to the substrate so as to immobilize the fluxing agent upon curing, such that, when heated, first melts and then hardens, and after hardening will not remelt if elevated to the temperate at which the adhesive first melted. Support for the immobilizing is found in the specification, including in Published Application US-2006/0194920, at Standard Paragraph [0056].

Noncompliance

It is respectfully submitted that the cancelled material overcomes the determination of Noncompliance by removing the feature identified as a distinct invention designated as Group II.

Further Basis for Allowance Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The arguments presented in the Response filed October 23, 2008, is hereby incorporated by reference.

The Examiner noted that the feature of hardening by heating is not presented as an affirmative limitation to the claims since the claim language is directed only to the capability of hardening and not remelting. It is submitted that the amended claim now sets forth an effective limitation in terms of:

"... permitting attachment of the semiconductor die to the substrate so as to immobilize the fluxing agent upon curing, such that, when heated, first melts and then hardens, and after hardening will not remelt if elevated to the temperate at which the adhesive first melted."

Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims now recite patentably allowable subject matter.

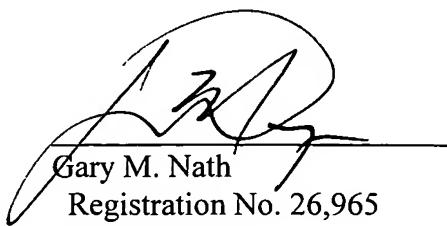
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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